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STUFF Briefs

Saint Joseph's mourns holiday season losses

Students and faculty returned from Christmas break to only be greeted with the news of death. Two members of the Saint Joseph's College community were lost over the three week break.

Saint Joseph's College Freshman David Rogers and long-time faculty member Father Urban J. Siegrist, C.P.P.S., Professor Emeritus of Biology, both died in unrelated incidents over the holiday.

Rogers, 18, who attended Saint Joseph's on a football scholarship, was playing basketball with friends at home in Marion, OH on Sunday, Dec. 19 when he collapsed.

Marion County Coroner Dr. Richard Durin said the apparent cause of Roger's death was an "inflammation or infection to the heart resulting from a type of virus, like a cold or flu."

Fr. Siegrist, a native of Macedon, OH, was a member of the SJC faculty from 1936 to 1976, serving as Professor of Biology, Chairman of the Biology Department, Director of the I.T.D. Research Station and Coordinator for the Department of Natural Science.

Fr. Siegrist passed away on Monday, Jan. 3. He was 85 years old.

A noted researcher, Fr. Siegrist completed research projects in soil bacteria, vitamin D dietary deficiencies and cancer in poultry, as well as studies in cheese, butterfat and milk production.

In 1976, failing health forced him to retire from teaching at Saint Joe's and eventually, he retired at Saint Charles in Carthage, Mo.

Prof. Owens leaves for Washington D.C.

His commitment to education continues

by Krisie Kimerer

"Professor Owens is an irreplaceable piece of a mix that is the culture of Saint Joseph's College. We cannot measure his service in hours but in the number of lives he has helped to change," says President Albert J. Shannon. David Owens, associate professor of economics, is leaving Saint Joseph's College to become the Director of Multilateral Affairs at American University in Washington D.C.. His official last day at Saint Joseph's College is Jan. 31, but he departed early this week in order to establish himself before beginning his new career on Feb. 1.

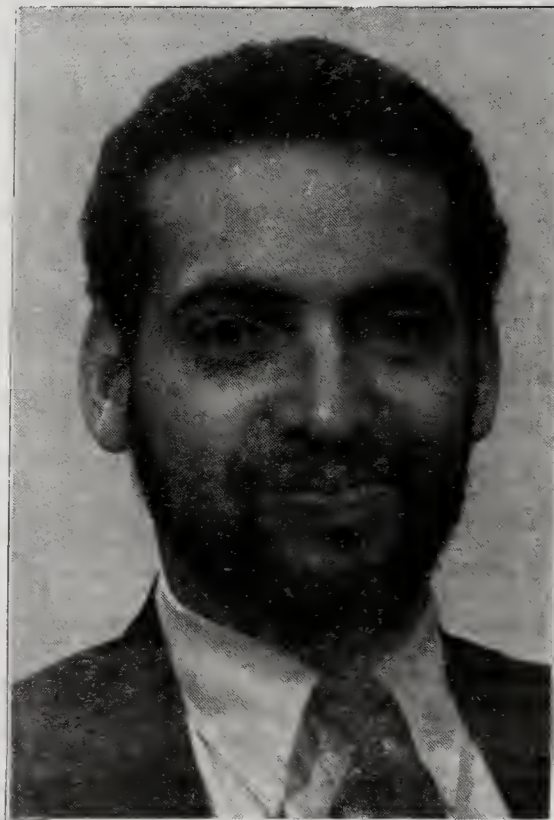
Owens stated that he had not been actively searching for a new career, the opportunity just opened up. "This move to American University in Washington D.C. will allow me to put my family together and have a normal family life," says Owens. His son, David Owens Jr., a National Merit Scholar, might attend American University in the upcoming year.

Owens stated that the main reason why American University hired him was due to the wide range of experience he had gained while teaching at Saint Joseph's College. As Director of Multilateral Affairs, he would like to improve the office and give it a higher profile. One task already delegated to him is the responsibility of the summer enrichment program for Frederick Douglass scholars. Owens believes that

the expertise gained through his years at Saint Joseph's College will aid him in his new position.

Owens completed his bachelor's degree in economics at Saint Joseph's College in 1975 and continued his education by obtaining a master's degree in economics from Ohio State University in 1978. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate, and he plans to complete his dissertation while at American University.

As well as being an associate professor, Owens served as a co-director of the multicultural affairs office. When he began teaching at Saint Joseph's College in 1982, he saw a need for this office. "I was drafted by minority students. The students began coming to me, so I took steps to fill that need. My accepting that position was not negotiable," said Owens. His goal was to make the environment more comfortable for minority students at Saint Joseph's. He made himself available for counseling, recruiting, admissions, and financial aid needs. Andre Williams says, "Doc convinced me to come to Saint Joe's. I can sit down and talk to him about whatever problem I have at anytime. He is always available." During his twelve years at Saint Joseph's College, Owens has implemented a variety of programs to assist minorities while attending college. Along with the cooperation and assistance of Father Banet and Dr. John Nichols, Owens



Prof. David Owens is leaving SJC for a career at the American University in Washington D.C.

established minority student leadership awards. Owens said that when he developed this fund, he wanted to have a type of financial aid available to minority students besides athletic scholarships.

Owens served as chairman of the Department of Economics. He was concerned with the administrative details such as, budgeting and scheduling. He created the group major, economics/finance, and the internship program. Owens also began a Senior Seminar course to help students to think of job directions and goals upon graduation.

Owens received the Teaching Excellence Award in 1989. One

of his students, Bob Golding said, "Doc Owens is probably the best professor that I have had at Saint Joe. He opened my eyes to a variety of career opportunities. He is always willing to see things from the students point of view." Professor Robert Schenk said, "One of his (Owens) greatest strengths was that he was willing to spend so much time with students."

In addition to his other duties, he served as the Vice-President for academics and recruitment on the Alumni Board. Owens said, "It is imperative that we integrate the alumni into the academic life so the current students will have a positive role model."

Students impressed with computer labs

Labs upgraded, new network planned

by Vicky Ojeda

When students returned from Christmas break and walked into Science 219 computer lab, many of them were surprised. Over break, new computers were installed in this lab and the old

ones were placed in the SLUPO computer lab. "The new computers are nice. They are fast and efficient. I am glad we have them," commented freshman student Brian DiPaolo.

Most students are pleased

with the improved speed of these computers. They are much faster than the old ones when "booting up" the system. "They are nice. They take less time," said freshman Dawn Fox. Freshman (continued on p. 3)

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Dr. and Mrs. Kreilkamp
leave for a mission trip

to Tanzania

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Impressive program, low turnout for SJC's MLK celebration

by Klaudia Janek

"Sixty-two years ago, King was born, but it wasn't until death that we realized how great he was," said Dr. Darnell Cole, Chancellor of Ivy Tech in Gary, IN. Dr. Cole was the keynote speaker of the Dr. Martin Luther King Banquet, which took place at Saint Joseph's College as part of the celebration for King's birthday on Jan. 17. Dr. King's birthday prompted many events to take place here on campus, giving students and faculty a chance to participate in celebrating a great American.

The commemoration events which were sponsored by the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs; the Minority Student Union and the Office of the President, started on Sunday night, Jan. 16 with a worship service in the chapel. Monday morning, David Owens, Professor of Economics and Associate Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, SJC alumni and other guests led a panel discussion about minorities in corporate America. This was followed by another worship service where students got a chance to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King and what his dream meant to them and how the

dream is incorporated into their lives.

Following the mass, a march from the Chapel to Halleck took place. The annual march usually takes place from the Chapel to the Jasper County Courthouse but the bitter, icy weather prevented that from happening this year. The purpose of the march was to present the proclamation that Jan. 17 is Martin Luther King Day here in Rensselaer. After the proclamation, Junior Rodney Geter gave his views on why the march took place, Junior Lisa Perez gave a benediction, Senior Chris Bailey gave an outstanding rendition of King's "I Have a Dream" speech and finally Junior Jennifer Hancock read a poem that she wrote on racism. The success of the march was greatly due to the hard work of DeLaina Wilks, Hancock and Geter.

Saint Joseph's College was given a treat with a performance by students from the Emerson School for the Performance Arts located in Gary, IN. The performance was originally scheduled to take place in the Auditorium but was moved to the basement of Halleck Center. In spite of the bad acoustics in the basement the talented band played a number of wonderful music arrange-

ments. The graceful dancers performed well considering the problems they had with the sound system provided to them by the College. The efforts of the singers and actors made the afternoon memorable to those who attended. Sophomore Shalonda Crosby, President of the Minority Student Union, organized the performance and afterwards was very proud of the Emerson Students. About 30 students and staff members showed up for this event. "It was a good turnout," said Crosby, "a little better than I had expected."

The last event of the day was the banquet that took place in the Halleck Ballroom. After dinner students and faculty had the privilege of listening to the keynote speaker, Dr. Cole. Dr. Cole gave a powerful speech and brought up such questions as: "Is the dream of the dreamer dead?" Dr. Cole reminded listeners that the student body of Saint Joseph's College consists of only about 50+ minority students and that this community is not immune to racism. He noted that we are only a few minutes away from Newton County and the problems of discrimination they are faced with. "We need more leadership from us [people against



Members of the MLK Day panel discussion talk about the role of minorities in corporate America.

racism]. We don't need people just sitting around and telling us what problems we have," said Dr. Cole. Towards the end of his speech Dr. Cole said, "Don't teach separation but co-operation."

The evening was topped off with a gospel performance by members of Crosby's family. Crosby's family braved the cold all the way from Gary, IN to Saint Joseph's College in order to make the evening an enjoyable one for those who took the time to attend the banquet. Members of the family have traveled all over the United States performing with famous groups such as the Winans. Faculty and students participated in singing and when the performance was over the Crosby family received a standing ovation.

Geter helped in organizing the entire day working through the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. "I expected more participation from students and faculty and especially from Student Affairs and Campus Life," said Geter, "I'm a little disappointed with participation this year all around. Last year there was more participation because a lot of the faculty members encouraged students to come." Geter hopes that next year the entire Saint Joseph's community and Rensselaer community can participate in the festivities. When asked about the banquet Geter said, "The speaker was excellent and the Crosby family capped off the whole day." But the seven empty dinner tables were proof that this year "lacked student and faculty participation."

Students want a no-crash network

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Laurissa Becher also commented positively, "I think that they are nice. They will be able to provide many new opportunities and options."

Thirty Gateway 2000 4SX-33 new models were placed in 219. The older ones were placed around the campus. Twenty of them went into the SLUPO computer lab, three went to the library and the rest were placed in different offices on campus.

The new computers are set up so that students can go to either the Sun Network, the PC Network or the library. This has been an improvement so that students don't have to walk to the upstairs computer lab to access the Sun Network if they

are already in the science building.

Freshman Sherrie Jankowski said, "I like the fact that it is easier for me to go on the Internet now. I don't have to wait in the other computer lab because there are now more computers available." Sophomore Susan Banner also commented, "I think they are great. I like the fact that I can go on the internet with these computers."

Students are bothered by the fact that the system is continually crashing. The system is old and needs to be replaced. "The new computers are nice but what we need is a new system. What good are the new computers, when the system is crashing all the time?" asked Brian Guerre.

The computers were not the only new purchase made by the school over break. Servers for the new network were also purchased. An entirely new network will be in use next year. This new Network is called Banyan Vines. It will provide more speed, disk space, and newer versions of software. "We are excited about the new system, but we need to make changes gradually. It would be difficult to change systems in the middle of the semester, we need time to practice it," said Bruce Mathew, Director of Computer Services.

Mathew also mentioned that they will be adding a few more buildings on to the network. It is a costly change but gradually he hopes to have all of the buildings

under the network. "Many students complain about not having some of the dorms hooked up, but to add a building is quite expensive. It would cost approximately \$20,000 to get Justin hooked up," said Mathew.

Some students are glad that the money was spent for the new computers because they believe they were needed to expand and aid the quality of education here at Saint Joseph's College. Freshman Jennifer Phelps said, "I am glad that our higher education funds finally went into a project that's worth while." Approximately \$75,000 were spent over all for the computers and the new system.

Special elections to be held

The Student Association is holding special elections for offices vacated in both the freshman and sophomore classes. The freshman class needs a new Vice-President. The candidates for that office are:

Brian Tobe
Michael Tackett
Ryan Koppelman
Paul Erck

The sophomore class is in need of a new Secretary. Monika Zakrzacki is running uncontested for that office.

Elections will be held on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 outside of the Cafe.



Junior Jessica Henry and sophomore Brigid Boos rehearse a scene for the upcoming performance of Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit." The play will run this Thurs-Sat at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium.



No Exit



One hell of a play!

by Greg Potts

Senior Emmy Kreilkamp will be presenting the play *No Exit*, Jan. 27-29 at 8 p.m. in the College Auditorium.

The play was created by philosopher, writer, and literary critic Jean-Paul Sartre, and it was originally produced in 1946 in the U.S. The play's three main characters (Cradeau played by Senior Craig S. Dorin; Inez played by Junior Jessica Henry; Estelle played by Sophomore Brigid Boos; and Boy is played by Freshman Charles Barrett.) are placed together in a waiting room in Hell.

Worse than whips, racks

or fire, their torture is each other. Through each other, they must confront their own burning cruelty, and endure the circle of sadism they have created for themselves.

According to Kreilkamp, the play's director, the play is about "...control, power, courage, desire. The action of life. The Silence of Death."

There will be a discussion of the play before the Saturday night performance at 7 p.m. The discussion will be hosted by Fr. Robert Lechner, a philosopher with many insights into the play.

He will be speaking about the play's context and some



Welcome Back to The Back Page

by Potts and McGroarty

We hope you all had a great Christmas break and are happy to be back here at Saint Joseph's. We sure are!

We just thought we would reacquaint everybody with the format and the purpose of our page.

There is no format, anything goes on our page and the purpose of the page is just to present you with light sometimes trivial

information to provide you with dinner conversation every other Thursday.

You may be noticing some new things about our page, like our new "Cheers and Jeers," section.

We will run this column from time to time informing you of things around school, in our society and in life in general we feel either deserves celebrating or ridiculing. Hope you like it!

Our other new addition includes the snazzy graphics you see on the page.

We are continually trying to broaden our creativity as well as our computer skills to make the page as aesthetically pleasing as possible!

So, keep reading and if you have any comments or suggestions (only good ones of course) you can e-mail us at Stuff Entertainment.

The Quote of the Week

"If it was woman who put man out of Paradise, it is still woman, and woman only, who can lead him back."

Albert E. Hubbard

Faculty Flashback Photo



This jovial jokester of the Business Department is a published author and proves to his students that the business world can be fun!



Cheers & Jeers



Cheers to the Student Association for sponsoring the upcoming Saint Joseph's College Winter Olympics. They will be held the week of Feb. 14-18. Look for details in upcoming issues of STUFF. Personally Greg and I are looking forward to the Trivial Pursuit contest.

Cheers to The Back Page for its new more creative look.

Cheers to the new stamps at the post office that are self-adhesive. The Country and Western stamps are killer, too!

Cheers to RuPaul for finishing fourth in both the sexiest male and sexiest female categories in the Rolling Stone 1993 Reader's Pole. Androgyny at its

finest.

Cheers to our managing editor James W. Sacco for going a whole year without doing something "colorful" to his hair.

Cheers to the card game Euchre, the other favorite sport of Indiana and of college students everywhere! Uno is still a close second!

And now for the Jeers-

Jeers to the administration for making us attend classes in sub-zero weather. Our frostbite is healing nicely- thank-you.

Jeers to *A Sentimental Education*, by Gustave Flaubert. This book is long, boring and the characters are weak. Sorry, Dr. Kerlin.

Jeers to Core 1 for removing female authors from the curriculum. Margaret Atwood can outwrite Russell Baker anyday!

Jeers to our editor for changing our deadlines. Now we can't procrastinate like before!

Jeers to all the major networks for giving us a healthy overdose of the Tanya Harding/ Nancy Kerrigan incident.

Jeers to CNN for broadcasting the Bobbitt trial. Those antics should be left up to *A Current Affair*, not a major news network.

Just a reminder that this column is the opinion of The Back Page Staff, and does not necessarily represent the opinion of STUFF and the entire staff.